GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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WATER SUPPLY IN PORT BLAIR
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any representation from Andaman and Nicobar Islands in connection with the water supply in Port Blair and other Areas by raising the height of Dhanikhari Dam;

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Andaman and Nicobar Administration proposes to provide drinking water supply in Port Blair Municipal area and other connected areas;

(d) if so, the manner and the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared and action taken thereon; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The proposal was examined and the technical comments were communicated to the UT Administration in April, 2004. The reply to these comments of this Ministry on the aforesaid proposal is still pending with the U.T. Administration. The U.T. Administration has not yet obtained the clearances from Ministry of Environment and Forests, from environmental angle and Ministry of Water Resources from water resources angle which are necessary for according administrative and technical approval. The reply to the technical comments is also yet to be furnished by the U.T. Administration.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d)&(e): The clearance of the proposal depends upon the compliance of the suggestions made by this Ministry by A&N Administration. It is not possible to indicate any time-frame at this stage.